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Hurricane season gets active

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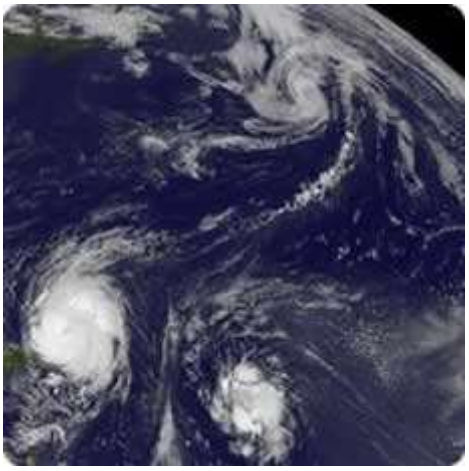
After a relatively quiet start to the Atlantic tropical storm season, there has been a marked increase in activity over the last week.



Hurricane Earl and tropical storm Fiona

Following on from the category-four Hurricane Danielle, Earl peaked with gusts in excess of 130 mph and brought destructive winds to the Leeward Islands.

Although it is expected to weaken, Earl is likely to track close to the US and Canadian coast during the rest of the week and bring heavy rain, high winds and rough seas from North Carolina to Nova Scotia.

Meanwhile, Tropical Storm Fiona is following closely behind, with the prospects of further developments over the tropical Atlantic.

September is often the busiest month of the year for Atlantic Hurricanes. Earlier this year the Met Office predicted that this season would be one of the most active tropical storm seasons on record, with 20 named tropical storms most likely.

Met Office forecasters will continue to work with the National Hurricane Center in the USA and provide predictions of the storms to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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